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SUBJECT: FURTHER MOROCCAN REACTION TO NYT ARMS SALES EDITORIAL

REF: (A) RABAT 770 (NOTAL), (B) RABAT 1093.

1. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REPORTED STRONG REACTION OF MOROCCAN MEDIA TO  
NYT EDITORIAL "WRONG COIN FOR MOROCCO" WHICH APPEARED IN  
PRO-GOVERNMENT MAROC SOIR FEB 6 (REF.A) AND LETTER TO TIMES  
BY INFORMATION MINISTER KHATTABI WHICH WAS REPRINTED IN ALL  
PRO-GOVERNMENT MEDIA (REF. B). NOW, AL BAYANE, DAILY ORGAN OF  
PARTY OF  
PROGRESS AND SOCIALISM (COMMUNIST) HAS ADDED OWN COMMENT.  
UNDER TITLE "FIRST FRUITS?" AL BAYANE WRITER STATES "THIS  
APOLOGY (IN FAVOR OF THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT) IS NOT AN  
ISOLATED EVENT. IT IS PART OF A PRECISE AMERICAN POLICY  
TOWARD THE MAGHREB ... WHICH IS MORE AND MORE FAVORABLE TO  
ALGERIA. DIDN'T SOME POLISARIO 'REVOLUTIONARIES' RECENTLY  
VISIT THE U.S AND ESTABLISH A GOOD NUMBER OF CONTACTS WITH  
THE PRESS? AND NOW, THE U.S. HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE  
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CHILL WHICH HAS COME OVER RELATIONS BETWEEN FRENCE AND  
ALGERIA. ISN'T AMERICAN IMPERIALISM PROFITING FROM THE  
VACUUM LEFT BY (THE WITHDRAWAL) OF FRENCH IMPERIALISM IN  
ALGERIA, SO RICH IN PETROLEUM RESOURCES?" IF IT IS A CHOICE  
BETWEEN THE SAHARA AND OIL, MUSES AL BAYANE ... "WHAT DO  
YOU EXPECT?"

2. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CALL DEP.'S ATTENTION TO  
LETTER APPEARING IN INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE OF FEB. 17,  
SIGNED BY RABAT REUTERS CORRESPONDENT STEPHEN HUGHES, WHICH  
IS POINT-BY-POINT REFUTATION OF SEVERAL CONTENTIONS MADE BY  
NYT EDITORIALIST. TEXT BEING SENT  
BY SEPTTEL.ANDERSON

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